

Feb. 19 1945

Mr John H. Harden  
265 Auburn Ave. N.E.  
Atlanta Ga.

Dear Friend:

I know you have said all kinds of things about me being so long answering your nice letter, but I am sure you can understand the reason. I have really been so up in the air where the baseball is concerned. Even now we really have no definite assurance we will be able to operate, but it looks as though every one is going to take a chance on getting started.

The biggest problem is going to be satisfying the ballplayers. I certainly do not think we should have to pay salaries in camp, but they are all going to hate to quit their jobs and work for nothing. So many things have happened since I last talked to you. I wonder if your plans are still the same. One of the things is the formation of the new league I read about. According to the newspapers Atlanta is a member of all the leagues Ha'

Now I have put off until the last minute starting to make my plans, so I would not be able to start barnstorming with you until the middle of March. If we could get some good spots the last two weeks in March, I think we will be able to travel. Pompey and I have received blanks for gasoline, and it looks like gasoline has been assigned to us for the summer. This is a little bit of encouragement.

I had a letter from Posey this morning, and he said Tom was calling a meeting in New York this Saturday. I hope we will have the schedules by then. This seems a little soon to me, for a schedule meeting. I imagine I will see you there. If not I promise to write you as soon as it is over. Very Truly Yours

Please send me the name and address of the man I am trading you for.